



International conference:

China in Africa and Africa in China - Impact on local societies, economies and cultures

Date: 12-13 December 2019

Venue: Het Pand, Onderbergen 1, 9000 Ghent

Thursday 12 December 2019 [Refter]

20h00 – Meet the author: Stefan Blommaert interviews Lieve Joris on her experiences across Africa & China + music by Chinese & African artists (Hung Shao-Huan & Bao Sissokho)

22h00: Reception

Friday 13 December 2019

8h30-9h00: Registration & coffee

9h00-9h15: Welcome by the Presidents of the UGent Africa Platform & China Platform, and the Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences [Refter]

9h15-9h45: Keynote lecture by Jochen Becker (metroZones – Center for Urban Affairs- Berlin) [Refter]

9h45-10h15: Guest lecture by Andreas Velthuizen (University of South Africa) [Refter]

"Beyond silencing the guns: towards a new architecture for peace and security in Africa"

10h15-10h45: Coffee break

10h45-12h45: Session 1

| Priorzaal – Chair: Bart Dessein |
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| Olivia Gieskes (University of Edinburg) <i>The Chinese can teach us how to live healthy lives": an ethnography of the legitimacy of Chinese medical cooperation in Rwanda</i> |
| Ching Lin Pang (University of Antwerp) <i>The Gaze of the Dragon: Africa through the Eyes of Chinese Tourists</i> |
| Mingqing Yuan (University of Bayreuth) <i>The Myth of Zheng He: (Re)discovering China and East Africa Encounters in Literary Narratives</i> |
| Stacey Links (Utrecht University) <i>Challenging or furthering universalism? Human rights in Sino-African relations: A call to decentre and reclaim universalism</i> |
| Vidhan Pathak & Sandipani Dash (University of Delhi) <i>Afro-Asian World Views: The Study of Ubuntu and Confucian Communitarianism</i> |
| Ibrahima Niang (University of Dakar) <i>Mobility, space and culture : Chinese presence and the reconfiguration of urban space in Dakar, Senegal</i> |



| Oude Infirmerie – Chair: Luc Taerwe |
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| Tom Ogwang (University of Groningen) <i>Resources-for-Infrastructure Deals in Sub-Saharan Africa: An analysis of Chinese activities in Uganda</i> |
| Abdoulkader Houssein Mohamed <i>Chinese investments impact on Djibouti economy</i> |
| Elisa Gambino (University of Edinburgh) <i>Chinese participation in Kenyan transport infrastructure projects: reshaping local power-geometries?</i> |
| Xavier Aurégan (Laval University) <i>Africa's future infrastructure will be Chinese: the Chinese contribution to financing and infrastructure realization in Africa</i> |
| Mariasole Pepa (University of Padova) <i>The Chinese agricultural technology demonstration centers in Africa, and the need\call for new perspectives</i> |

| Sacristie – Chair: Inge Mangelschots |
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| Zhenzhen Rong (Ghent University) <i>The public trust system as a means to advance ecological restoration: what lessons to be learnt from African and Chinese experiences?</i> |
| Manase Kudzai Chiweshe (University of Zimbabwe) <i>Soft power, Chinese soccer and (lack of) expansion across Africa</i> |
| Wei-Hong Zhang (Ghent University) <i>Challenges and benefits of implementing an international collaborative research project in China</i> |
| George Angelopulo (University of South Africa) <i>Mapping connectivity in the relationship between Africa and China</i> |

12h45-13h30: Lunch

13h30-14h00: Keynote lecture by Chris Alden (London School of Economics) [Refter]

14h00-14h30: Keynote lecture by Zhengli Huang (University of Sheffield) [Refter]

“Chinese-financed infrastructure and the reshaping of African cities”

14h30-15h00: Guest lecture by Philippe Tunamsifu Shirambere (Université Libre des Pays des Grands Lacs, Goma) [Refter]

“DR Congo-China’s deals on construction of roads in exchange of mines”

15h00-15h30: Coffee break



15h30-17h30: Session 2

| Priorzaal – Chair: Bart Dessein |
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| Jan-Pieter Laleman (Credendo) |
| Artur Colom-Jaén (University of Valencia) <i>Emerging approaches to development in Africa: Chinese shadows</i> |
| Nicholas Jepson (University of Manchester) <i>Debt, Sovereignty and Development Along China's Belt and Road</i> |
| Clayton Hazvinei Vhumbunu (University of KwaZulu-Natal) <i>Locating Africa in the Geo-Politics and Geo-Economics of China's Global Leadership</i> |
| Atetwe Ezekiel (Peking University) <i>Is China model a Development Elixir for Africa?</i> |
| Pratik Kumar Singh (University of Delhi) <i>China - South Africa Economic Relations: Trade and Regional Trade Regime</i> |

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| Michèle Deneffe (Vice-Director Asia and co-desk China) |
| Geert Laporte (European Centre for Development Policy Management) |
| Ndubuisi Idejiora-Kalu (Ambassador & National Director of Strategy for the Nigeria Rebirth Project) <i>Systems approach for preventing a re-colonization of African States by China in the 21st Century</i> |
| Helena Moradi (Tsinghua School of Law) <i>Hegemony and the Chinese Non-Interference Policy in Africa</i> |
| Yue Zhao (Georg-August-University) <i>Wood flows under political crisis – A case study of rosewood exports from Madagascar to China</i> |
| Marvellous Ngundu (University of Johannesburg) <i>Growth effects of Chinese FDI and FDI from other sources in Africa: The role of institutional quality</i> |
| Abdou Rahim Lema (Peking University) <i>Sino-African Security Relations: A Challenge to China's Non-Interference Policy?</i> |
| Youcef Hamitouche (University Algiers) <i>The rise of China in North Africa: The case of Algeria and Morocco</i> |

17h45: Closing remarks by Bart Dessein (Ghent University) [Refter]

18h00: Closing drink